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2 Attachments

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FY14 - 257848 Shane Allen - Response Letter 12192013.pdf FY14 - 257848 - Mr. Shane Allen - Incoming Request 090913.pdf
response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA IQ No. 257848), dated September 9, 2013, in
which Mr. Allen requested reports required by the Federal Travel Regulation submitted to GSA by Federal
agencies regarding "use of other than coach-class transportation." He asked for the 2010, 2011, 2012, and
2013 year to date submissions.

We have determined that some of the responsive documents, if such documents exist, would be under your purview. Please respond
directly to Mr. Allen. Mr. Allen has been notified of this referral.

We are also providing Mr. Allen with a complete contact list of FOIA offices for Federal Agencies:

<http://www.foia.gov/report-makerequest.html>

A copy of the original request and our letter to the Requester is attached. Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have
in regards to this request.

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Respectfully,
Freedom of Information Act
Requester Service Center
U.S. General Services Administration
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Washington, DC 20405
Toll Free number:(855) 675-FOIA
Fax number:(202) 501-2727

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Office of Administrative Services
Freedom of Information Act Office

December 19, 2013

Mr. Shane Allen
NBC 5 News
3900 Barnett Street
Fort Worth, TX 76103

Dear Mr. Allen:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA IQ No. 257848), dated September 9, 2013, in which you requested reports required by the Federal Travel Regulation submitted to GSA by Federal agencies regarding "use of other than coach-class transportation." You asked for the 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 year to date submissions.

Enclosed please find the information for the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) travel. In processing your request, GSA withheld the names of three (3) GSA employees (four (4) trips) who required travel accommodations for a medical disability. This is done in accordance with the sixth exemption of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because public disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

With respect to other agencies and GSA's Office of Inspector General, GSA made referrals to the originating agencies with reportable premium class travel for direct responses to you because those agencies are best able to determine any sensitivity of the requested records and any applicable FOIA exemption status. GSA does not know if some of the information furnished by other agencies is proper for public release. The originating Federal agencies will respond to you directly once a release determination has been made by them.

You have the right to appeal the denial of the information withheld. To do so, you must write, within 120 days of your receipt of this letter, to the following address:

Freedom of Information Act Office (H1C)
U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW, 7308
Washington, DC 20405

U.S. General Services Administration
1800 F. Street, Northwest
Washington, DC 20405
Telephone: (202) 501-0800
Fax: (202) 501-2727

Your appeal must be in writing and should contain a brief statement of the reasons why you believe the requested information should be released. Enclose a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter. Both the appeal letter and envelope should be marked prominently, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Should you have any press-related questions regarding this FOIA, please feel free to call Mr. Dan Cruz at (202) 357-9587 or email him at Dan.Cruz@gsa.gov.

Sincerely,

Travis Lewis

FOIA Program Manager

Enclosures

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1 message

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Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of ALL of the following:

- Any and all reports filed as part of the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR), Part 300-70 Agency Reporting Requirements, which establishes the requirement that federal agencies report the use of any other than coach-class transportation accommodations by their federal employees while on official business (excluding negative reports) for the 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 YTD.
- Any and all databases that exist (in their unedited original workable digital formats) regarding the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR), Part 300-70 Agency Reporting Requirements, which establishes the requirement that federal agencies report the use of any other than coach-class transportation accommodations by their federal employees while on official business (excluding negative reports) for the 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 YTD.
- Where available, we want documentation and/or data to include traveler's name, title, agency, location in which they are stationed, and/or date(s)/purpose(s) of travel.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format. (Excel, database, PDF, etc.)

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on the use of premium travel among federal employees that is of current interest to the public. This information is being sought on behalf of *NBC 5 News | KXAS-TV* for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific

exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by email, rather than by postal mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Please reference KXAS FOIA CODE GSA-090913-100713 when communicating about this request.

Thank you for your assistance.



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Please note my schedule:

Monday – Friday

Assignment Desk 2:30am – 7am (Central)

Investigative Work 7am – 10:30am (Central)



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